

with Section 404(b) for subject issuers, while maintaining investor protection;

(14) The impact of costs of complying with the auditor attestation requirement of Section 404(b) on company decisions to list on exchanges in the United States versus foreign exchanges in initial public offerings for subject issuers after the offering;

(15) The impact of costs of complying with Section 404(b) on company and investor decisions to engage in initial public offerings versus other financing alternatives for issuers whose public float is expected to be between \$75 million and \$250 million after the offering;

(16) Potential effect on the number of companies listing initial public offerings in the United States of a complete exemption from the internal control audit requirements for subject issuers, and the potential effect on listings for each specific recommendation for reducing the compliance burden of such requirements on subject issuers;

(17) Any qualitative differences between subject issuers that might list securities on a U.S. exchange in connection with their initial public offerings if the existing internal control audit requirement of Section 404(b) remains in effect and subject issuers that might list securities on a U.S. exchange in connection with their initial public offerings if subject issuers are completely exempt from the internal control audit requirements of Section 404(b), and any such qualitative differences that may arise from each specific recommendation for reducing the compliance burden of such requirements on subject issuers;

(18) The potential effect of a complete exemption from Section 404(b) for subject issuers on matters such as: Raising capital; engaging in mergers, acquisitions and similar corporate transactions; and attracting and retaining qualified independent directors;

(19) Whether and how the use of the auditor's attestation report on internal control over financial reporting for subject issuers differs from the use of the auditor's attestation report on internal control over financial reporting for issuers whose public float is greater than \$250 million and the reason(s) for those differences;

(20) Quantitative and qualitative information about whether and how compliance with Section 404(b) has benefited investors and other users of financial statements of subject issuers;

(21) Whether and to what extent auditor attestation reports on internal control over financial reporting enhances confidence in management's

assessment of the effectiveness of its internal control over financial reporting, improves the reliability of financial reporting and improves the prevention and detection of fraud and other misconduct for subject issuers;

(22) Any additional information for the Commission to consider to describe the study population and how the Commission could reduce the burden of complying with Section 404(b) on that population; and

(23) Any other information commenters would like the Commission to consider in regards to the study.

Dated: October 14, 2010.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

[FR Doc. 2010-26349 Filed 10-19-10; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 8011-01-P

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7212]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Form DS-3097, Exchange Visitor Program Annual Report, and OMB Control Number 1405-0151

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the **Federal Register** preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

- *Title of Information Collection:* Exchange Visitor Program Annual Report.

- *OMB Control Number:* 1405-0151.

- *Type of Request:* Extension of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Office of Private Sector Exchange, ECA/EC.

- *Form Number:* Form DS-3097.

- *Respondents:* Designated J-1 program sponsors.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,460.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,460 annually.

- *Average Hours per Response:* 2 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden:* 2,920 hours.

- *Frequency:* Annually.

- *Obligation To Respond:* Mandatory.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from October 20, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Persons with access to the Internet may also view this notice and provide comments by going to the regulations.gov Web site at: <http://www.regulations.gov/index.cfm>.

- *E-mail:* JExchanges@State.gov.

- *Mail (paper, disk, or CD-ROM submissions):* U.S. Department of State, ECA/EC/D, SA-5, Floor 5, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0505, ATTN: **Federal Register** Notice Response.

You must include the DS form number (if applicable), information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed information collection and supporting documents, to Stanley S. Colvin, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, ECA/EC/D, SA-5, Floor 5, Department of State, 2200 C Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0505, who may be reached on 202-632-2805 or at JExchanges@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of Proposed Collection

Annual reports from designated program sponsors assist the Department in oversight and administration of the J-1 visa program. The reports provide statistical data on the number of exchange participants an organization sponsored per category of exchange. The reports also provide a summary of the activities in which exchange visitors were engaged and an evaluation of program effectiveness. Program sponsors include government agencies, academic institutions, and private sector not-for-profit and for-profit entities.

Methodology

Annual reports are completed through the Student and Exchange Visitor

Information System (SEVIS) and then printed and signed by a sponsor official, and sent to the Department by mail or fax. The Department is currently working with the Department of Homeland Security to expand SEVIS functions and enable the collection of electronic signatures. Annual reports will be submitted to the Department electronically as soon as the mechanism for doing so is approved and in place. DHS has announced a delay in implementation of SEVIS II. Please follow the indicated electronic link for complete details: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/sevisii/sevisii_update_032010.htm.

Dated: October 12, 2010.

Stanley S. Colvin,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Private Sector Exchange, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Exchange, Department of State.

[FR Doc. 2010-26381 Filed 10-19-10; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710-05-P

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Delegation of Authority No. 334]

Delegation by the Secretary of State to the Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs To Notify Foreign Governments of Proposed Hazardous Waste Exports Under the Solid Waste Disposal Act

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Secretary of State, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a), I hereby delegate to the Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, to the extent authorized by law, the authority to approve notifications to foreign governments of proposed exports from the United States of hazardous waste, as provided under Section 3017 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, 42 U.S.C. 6938.

Any act, executive order, regulation, or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation, or procedure as amended from time to time.

Notwithstanding this delegation of authority, the Secretary, the Deputy Secretary, or the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources, and the Under Secretary for Democracy and Global Affairs may at any time exercise any authority or function delegated by this delegation of authority.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

September 28, 2010.

Hillary Rodham Clinton,

Secretary of State.

[FR Doc. 2010-26380 Filed 10-19-10; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710-10-P

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. USTR-2010-0028]

Initiation of Section 302 Investigation and Request for Public Comment: China—Acts, Policies and Practices Affecting Trade and Investment in Green Technology

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of investigation and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The United States Trade Representative (“Trade Representative”) has initiated an investigation under section 302(a) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (“Trade Act”), with respect to acts, policies, and practices of the People’s Republic of China (China) affecting trade and investment in green technology. The Trade Representative has initiated the investigation in response to a petition filed on September 9, 2010, and the investigation will cover the acts, policies, and practices identified in the petition. The investigation will consider whether these acts, policies, and practices deny U.S. rights or benefits under the GATT 1994, under the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures (“SCM Agreement”), and under China’s Protocol of Accession to the WTO. USTR invites written comments from the public on the matters covered in the investigation.

DATES: The Trade Representative initiated this investigation on October 15, 2010. Written comments are due on or before 5 p.m. on November 15, 2010. Any request for a public hearing must be made no later than 5 p.m. on November 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Non-confidential comments (as explained below) should be submitted electronically via the Internet at www.regulations.gov, docket number USTR-2010-0028. If you are unable to provide submissions by www.regulations.gov, please contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-9483 to arrange for an alternative method of transmission. If (as explained below) the comments contain confidential information, the person wishing to

submit such comments should contact Sandy McKinzy at (202) 395-9483.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Garfinkel, Chief Counsel for China Trade, (202) 395-3150, Terry McCartin, (202) 395-3900, Deputy Assistant USTR for China Affairs, (202) 395-3900, or Jean Kemp, Director, Steel Trade Policy, (202) 395-5656 for questions concerning the issues in the investigation; William Busis, Deputy Assistant USTR for Monitoring and Enforcement and Chair of the Section 301 Committee, (202) 395-3150, for questions concerning procedures under Section 301; or Gwendolyn Diggs, Staff Assistant to the Section 301 Committee, (202) 395-5830, for questions concerning procedures for filing submissions in response to this notice.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. USW Petition

On September 9, 2010, the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO CLC filed a petition under Section 302 of the Trade Act addressed to China’s acts, policies, and practices affecting trade and investment in green technologies. The text of the petition has been posted on <http://www.ustr.gov>, under “Enforcement.”

The petition defines products of green technology “as products used to produce renewable energy or reduce the emissions associated with the production and use of energy. These are the products necessary to produce energy from wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, hydro, and nuclear resources, products to enable the production of energy from coal with fewer greenhouse gas emissions, and products that consume less energy or alternative sources of energy, such as energy-efficient vehicles and energy-efficient lighting.” The petition also covers “a wide range of upstream inputs to green technology products.”

The petition alleges that China “employs a wide range of policies to stimulate and protect its domestic producers of green technology, from wind and solar energy products to advanced batteries and energy-efficient vehicles,” enabling China to become the dominant global supplier of a number of green technologies. The petition alleges that China’s acts, policies, and practices in the area of green technology violate China’s WTO commitments under the GATT 1994, under the Subsidies and Countervailing Measures Agreement (“SCM Agreement”), and under China’s Protocol of Accession to the WTO.